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## Serenity



The signs of autumn are evident in and around Doon campus as the leaves show their collage of color.

(Photo by Sean S. Finlay)

## Part-time registration down slightly

By Peter Marval

Conestoga's part-time registration for the fall semester is down four per cent compared to this time last year, says the director of continuing education.

However, David Stewart said he is hardly worried about the minor drop, since the figure is not the final tabulation. "It doesn't mean too much now, because of courses which have yet to start. There are a couple more reporting periods we have to go through, so the numbers will fluctuate."

The figure, taken Oct. 15, had 10,967 part-time students enrolled in the fall semester. The four per cent drop equals 480 students.

Stewart said there are four reporting periods during a semester. This was only the second inquiry into how many students are enrolled. The first was two weeks after registration Aug. 6. "Two weeks after registration began, we were within two people of where we were the same time last year."

He said he considered last year's total of 12,201 for the fall registration very successful. "We would consider it a very successful year if we could match those numbers." There is a good probability that we'll come close to that figure."

The total number of part-time enrolment in 1995 was 31,867.

There has been an increase of part-time students in the last three years, which Stewart attributes to the addition of new courses. "We're continually dropping and adding courses." The next reporting period would be Nov. 13.

## High school students to visit Conestoga

By Eric Whitfield

About 3,000 high school students will attend Conestoga on Nov. 13 for Visitor Information Program/College Information Program day.

They will attend information workshops in the morning and afternoon said Susana Pellizzari, of student recruitment and admissions.

Liaison personnel from 18 other Ontario colleges will be at the school to talk about programs offered at their colleges.

The morning workshops, which will be held in two sessions, will focus on programs offered at Conestoga and will be chaired by program coordinators or program faculty, said Pellizzari.

After a lunch break, afternoon workshops by other colleges will begin.

Morning workshops will be held in rooms the programs are normally in, Pellizzari said.

Classes normally held in these rooms will be cancelled or rescheduled.

This is not the first VIP/CIP day at the college Pellizzari said. Last year, the event drew about 4,000 students.

There will be a limit to the number of people who can attend a workshop because of classroom size, Pellizzari said, so it will be first come, first served.

The colleges' liaison personnel will be at the recreation centre between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., when the public will be able to view displays and ask questions about the programs offered.

at the college Pellizzari said. Last year, the event drew about 4,000 students.

Thirty-five per cent of those who attended last year enrolled at Conestoga.

To make the day run smoothly, Pellizzari said, "We really depend a lot on help from volunteers, students and faculty."

That's our biggest focus (volunteers), that's how we get through the day.

There are so many people on the campus at one time."

## Newest scholarship college's largest endowment

By Diana Loveless

A local computer software firm has established a \$70,000 endowed scholarship directed towards electronics engineering technology students.

In memory of its president, S-S Technologies of Kitchener has set up the Keith Pritchard Award.

Keith Pritchard graduated from the electronics engineering technology program at Conestoga in 1971.

He died Aug. 31 when his glider struck hydro wires and crashed near Alma.

"When Keith passed away, we tried to think what we could do in memorial," Nancy Sutley, human resources manager with S-S Technologies, said. "We talked about what we could do... and we decided that supporting students at the course would be the best way to remember Keith."

S-S Technologies has pledged approximately \$35,000, and under the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund, the amount will be matched 100 per cent by the provincial government, bringing the total value of the scholarship to about \$70,000.

"The money came from the company, from fellow employees and from business associates of Keith's," Sutley said. "We didn't solicit donations, but if people asked what they could do they were told about the scholarship and told they were welcome to contribute."

In May, the Ontario minister of finance announced the decision by the government to establish the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund.

Until March 31, 1997, any funds pledged to an Ontario college or university designed to assist a student in financial aid will be

matched 100 per cent by the provincial government, said Wayne Hussey, director of the office of development at the college.

The trust fund stipulates that the principal of the donation must be put into a no-risk investment.

The earnings from the donation, Hussey said, are then awarded to students who need financial assistance to pursue their educational careers. This is called an endowed fund.

Financial need is determined under the same guidelines used by the Ontario Student Assistance Plan.

Proceeds from the S-S Technologies endowment will be awarded yearly, beginning in the fall of 1997, to a Conestoga electronics engineering technology student who demonstrates creativity in the classroom, leadership among peers and financial need.

The award goes to two students, a second-year student and a third-year student, Hussey said. At the request of the donor, once a student is awarded the Keith Pritchard scholarship in second year, an equal amount will be awarded to that student in third year.

"The award would probably amount to, say, five per cent of the principal, depending on interest rates, so on \$70,000, you'd be looking at about \$3,500 each year it's invested," Hussey said.

This scholarship was the first of two awards to be set up under the provincial trust fund, Hussey said. The second one is the Alumni Association Fund which was set up for \$5,000 and will be matched by the Ontario government for a total of \$10,000. This is unrestricted, based strictly on financial need with no restrictions on program, year or achievement.

S-S technologies is divided into two divisions. One division does integrated systems — custom engineering projects for a variety of industries such as steel, food processing, warehouse and distributing, and sortation, among others.

The other division of the company deals a direct link card, a technology, invented by Pritchard, which links industrial controllers to a PC.

It was originally developed, Sutley said, to be used in house and then the company decided to market it around the world.

The company won the Canada Award for Business Excellence-Innovation for this technology.

"The company is not replacing Keith as president. We're actually not filling that position because we can't — we can't replace him so we're not even going to try," Sutley said.



# DSA's Halloween party a family-day success

By Peggy Sue Ironside

The family-oriented Haunting Halloween Party, a Doon Student Association event, was a success said the group's director of student life.

Becky Boertien said the party was held in the Sanctuary on Oct. 24 and 27. Children and their parents attended. "We were actually quite surprised by the amount of people who came. Our advertisement did go up late and there were only five children who had been pre-registered."

Boertien said the DSA office makes an effort to include family events in its entertainment agenda. Students who have family obligations often cannot participate in the regular events the DSA puts on.

The party started at 1 p.m. with Kazoo the Clown, from Kelly's Klowns in Breslau, painting the children's faces.

Crystal Switzer, 12, said she thought having her face painted was fun, but she really liked the magician who performed later in the afternoon.

Boertien said after the face-painting was finished the kids had fun making masks at the crafts table before bobbing for apples.

Five-year-old Tracey Avila, dressed-up as a bride, said she liked making a mask for herself at the crafts table and would be wearing it on Halloween.

Elizabeth Lopo, a first-year general business student and a volunteer at the crafts table, said she brought her five young cousins to the Halloween party because it was a family event. "I thought they would enjoy being here."

Ralph Logan, a first-year general arts and science student, and his

wife Kim, brought their three-year-old son Dakota to the Halloween party. Logan said he thinks it's good the DSA holds such events.

He said the children were kept active and his son enjoyed himself. "It was worth bringing him, he's having fun."

Chris Kroeker, DSA promotions assistant, said he liked watching the clown painting the kids' faces. He said the clown reminded him of Crusty the clown from the television show the *Simpsons*. "He had the laugh down to a tee."

Aside from being a member of the DSA, Kroeker was also a volunteer at the apple-bobbing contest. The apples were hung from a string, he said, and some of the kids were creative in their attempts at catching them. "They would bang the apple with their foreheads and try to catch it with their teeth."

Dressed as a vampire, Kroeker said he thought his long fangs would be an advantage at catching the apples, but said instead he ended up with a few bruises and his teeth knocked out.

Kroeker said the turnout for the party was a lot better than last year and the kids had fun. "It was a good warm up to Halloween."

After bobbing for apples and playing pin-the-tail on the cat, the Sanctuary lights were turned down low and the children were treated to a Disney Halloween cartoon.

Boertien said, "We hope that everyone had a good time and we are disappointed that those people who did leave early missed the magician show."

She thinks the clown and magician helped make the party a good event for the children. The magician, Lee Andrew, also from



**ABRACADABRA** — Magician Lee Andrew, of Kelly's Klowns in Breslau, and volunteer Jennifer Avila perform a magic ball trick for the audience. (Photo by Peggy Sue Ironside)

Kelly's Klowns in Breslau, was scheduled for 2:15 p.m., but arrived half an hour late.

Jennifer Avila, 12, said her favorite part of the event was the magic metal rings act during the magician show. She said she had fun at the party and would like to come to another family event.

Boertien said she thinks the DSA

should have student volunteers from the early childhood education program to help coordinate events at the family-day functions. She believes their input would be valuable because they are knowledgeable about organizing activities for children.

She said most of the volunteers at this year's event were either ex-

ecutives from the DSA office or student volunteers who are class representatives. Boertien said funding for the event came from the DSA budget for theme week activities.

The DSA holds a theme week at the college during orientation, Halloween, the winter carnival and Christmas.

## Future screenings of evening movies in question

By Eric Whitfield

A lack of advance ticket sales for the screening of *Mission Impossible* may mean the end of the DSA's movie night, said Becky Boertien, director of student life with the DSA.

Night movies will not be scheduled again this semester, she said.

The screening of *Mission Impossible*, which was supposed to have been shown on the evening of Oct. 22, was moved to that afternoon after five advanced tickets had been sold for \$2 each.

Boertien said the tickets were refunded and entry to the Sanctuary for the afternoon screening was free.

"I'm surprised, because there were a lot of people at the *Twister* show," said Elizabeth Lopo, a first-year general business student.

With walk-up ticket sales for the night movie it might have been alright, Boertien said, but the future of night movies is still going to be evaluated.

Tass Chapman, a second-year electronics and engineering technology student, said he is not surprised they were cancelled for the semester because a lot of people have homework or part-time jobs and can't participate.

Other than loss of money from ticket sales, Boertien said there were no extra costs to the \$300

booking of the projected movie. Even though the movie was rescheduled, it was still shown within the booked time period.

Lopo said she is disappointed that the night movies have been cancelled for the semester because, "It's a good break for a few hours. You can come here and it is cheaper than in the theatres."

### Creature comforts



Bev Cutone, vice-president of student affairs, gives a comforting hug to Chucky, a mannequin who will be on display in the Sanctuary for the Halloween season. (Photo by Peter Marval)

### Doon association discount cards 'have no real value'

By Eric Whitfield

Five thousand DSA membership cards were printed and placed in registration packages this year.

"The purpose of the cards are to promote students as members of the student association," said Becky Boertien, director of student life for the DSA.

The cards, she said, have no real value.

The cost of the cards, including tax, was \$316.25 said Cheryl Jack, education and communications coordinator for the DSA.

The DSA was hoping to solicit

discounts of about 10 per cent from various business in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

Boertien said they could not get enough sponsors.

Matt Hoddle, a first-year broadcasting student, said he didn't know what they are for but is holding on to his just in case.

He said he was surprised they have no value because they are given out in the registration package.

Hoddle said he didn't know what to do with the card, "they (DSA) didn't explain what it was for."



# ECE students celebrate National Child Day

By Diana Loveless

Two Conestoga early childhood education students have taken it upon themselves to bring National Child Day to the college.

Out of deep concern for the general health and welfare of children everywhere, Cynthia Livingstone and Cynthia Singh, second-year ECE students who will be graduating in December, will be setting up an information table Nov. 20 to raise awareness about National Child Day.

When asked what National Child Day means to her, Singh said it is about a "heightened awareness for the rights created by the UN (United Nations) convention that they (children) so well deserve... It's about time."

"It's a celebration of children, of who they are," Livingstone said. "It's just a day when we can say 'here are our children; let's enjoy them and let's love them.' They are to be loved, they are to be cared for, and they are to be nurtured for their sake as well as our future's sake."

On March 19, 1993, the federal government designated Nov. 20 National Child Day in response to the efforts of Our Kids Foundation, a volunteer group which works to help meet the basic needs of children in the Ottawa-Carleton area, and RESULTS Canada, an organization working for the elimination of poverty and hunger of children world-wide.



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** — Cynthia Singh, left, and Cynthia Livingstone, second-year early childhood education students, display a poster promoting National Child Day. (Photo by Diana Loveless)

Nov. 20 marks the anniversary of two important dates in the international progress of the rights of children.

On Nov. 20, 1959, the United Nations adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

And on Nov. 20, 1989, the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted in the UN General Assembly to address the rights of children and youth, recognizing their basic human rights and

giving them additional rights to protect them from harm.

Livingstone and Singh plan to set up their information booth inside Door 4 (between Roasters and the security office) with pamphlets and brochures outlining some of the issues facing children, parents and child-care workers.

They will also offer information about community resources for parents and children and will in-

clude such things as nutrition tips for children, a provincial health directory, different programs for children, and literature such as 12 Alternatives to Spanking Your Child.

They said they also want to raise awareness about proposed government cutbacks and how they're going to affect the quality of child care in Ontario.

"It (the provincial government) is in opposition to the whole

meaning behind National Child Day," Livingstone said.

She and Singh say they are most disturbed by the government's plan to change the staff-to-child ratio for pre-schoolers (aged 2 1/2 years to three years and eight months) from one adult for every eight children to a one adult for every 10 children.

"As a graduating student in ECE at Conestoga, this goes against everything I've ever stood for, simply because it shoves the education aspect out the window," Singh said.

"You're just bouncing off the walls trying to keep them in control," she said.

Livingstone said that with the ratio that high, the chances for developing close interpersonal relationships with the children individually are seriously compromised.

"They're not machines; they're children," she said.

Singh said she hopes National Child Day will put the focus on children to help raise awareness about the importance of caring for them now to ensure they will be healthy and well adjusted in the future.

"On the whole, people do not value children the way they should.

"I'm scared about what's going to happen to the family and what's going to happen to children if people don't pull themselves together," she said.

## Athletic director hopes for weight-room improvements

By Bryce Wilson

The athletic director for Conestoga is hoping to improve the recreation centre with a new multi-station for the weight room.

Ian James says a major part of his job is to attract more people to the facility and he hopes to accomplish this with the multi-stations, which accommodate men and women.

The universal machines are divided into separate stations to let several people perform many different types of exercises at the same time.

James says the universal station currently in use at the recreation centre is over 20 years old and is showing many signs of aging.

He hopes to replace the older equipment with newer weights that will allow users to perform exercises comparable with what they can perform with the current system.

If he gets approval for the new

weights, James hopes they could be at the school by early next year.

He's also hoping to acquire a multi-purpose squat rack that will use free weights instead of the cable weights used in the universal machines.

Although more free weights would improve the weight room, James says the threat of theft puts restrictions on what the school can use.

The weight room has an unlocked door that opens out to unsupervised exits. The doors are at the opposite end of the recreation centre from the controlled entrance but cannot be locked because they are fire exits.

The dumbbells currently in use at the weight room are locked up and the keys to unlock them have to be signed out.

Depending on the costs, James also hopes to get a treadmill for the recreation centre.

There are already three stationary bikes and three stairmas-

ters in the weight room, but for indoor running, people have to run around the upper floor of the gymnasium or the arena.

James says he has been asked by several students about getting newer weights and has talked to several people who have told him they have memberships at centres outside of the school.

The recreation centre is open to students, staff and the general community. An adult fitness pass for a non-student costs \$217 per year and a family pass costs \$331 per year.

"Our prices are reasonable, but the equipment is not up to par." With newer weights, James hopes to increase the amount of traffic inside the recreation centre.

To finance any expenditures over \$200, James has to fill out a capital request form.

Wayne Hussey, the college's director of community relations and customer development and John Tibbits, college president, have to approve the request before the project can be completed.

If the request gets approval, James says Conestoga will likely donate the old universal station to a school or gym as an act of goodwill from the college.



**WEIGHTY SUBJECT** — Athletic director Ian James sits in front of the Universal weight machine he hopes to replace with newer equipment. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)

### CORRECTION

In the Oct. 28 issue of Spoke, the article about the Health fair incorrectly stated that the sixth semester nursing class consisted of about 20 students. It actually consists of about 55 students. Spoke regrets the error.

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Children  
are not  
salespeople

A letter from the Perth County board of education to the editor of a local paper claims a report issued by the minister of education and training "blatantly ignores the cost efficiencies achieved in Perth County."

Although this may be true, the board seemed more worried the information in the report would "further demean its reputation" than explaining how cost efficiencies had been realized. Nowhere in the letter was there any mention of the contribution students in Perth County have made to the board's budget.

Surely there are more important issues on the agenda at the Perth County board of education than worrying about political chastisement. Perhaps the issue of why the board allows students to be used as workers to raise funds for projects unrelated to school should be examined. The issue of exactly what is being promoted is irrelevant; it is the context in which the project has been presented to students. Participation is voluntary, but if students are gathered together and given a sales pitch, in which they are shown a new bike as a potential reward for work well done, they are going to be influenced. Quite likely younger students would not have the skills to make a value judgment on the merits of the fund-raising project in question.

When the media publicized the discovery that Kathie Lee Gifford's line of clothing was being produced in sweatshops by child laborers, we, as a society, voiced our disdain, with such vulgar "big business practices." Similar accusations were made against basketball star Michael Jordan concerning his endorsement of basketball shoes manufactured in the Far East. It's all part of the global economy, we're told.

Globalization of business is inevitable; we read or hear that phrase in one form or another every day, yet, we don't really know what it means.

In one form, it means maximize profits above all else and that mind-set has become firmly entrenched in our North American business community.

At one time, our communities were places where factories manufactured, hospitals healed and schools taught. Now, they have fragmented into special interest groups so wrapped up in the bottom line and protecting their own that no one is looking out for the common good.

So entrenched has this global practice become that we have become accustomed to children being recruited as workers to raise funds that in the past were looked after by the community.

Today, no one is surprised to see the smiling face of a student at the front door, selling something or soliciting money for some worthy cause.

Hard to resist? Possibly, but should a child be exposed to sales tactics, as they are in Perth County, to get them to your door?

It is without question wrong to be using children as a sales force. Children must be seen as the most important part of our communities, they have a job to do like everyone else and that job is to experience childhood not to be marshalled into some organization's sales force.



Rick Kew

Jesus Christ is our assurance of eternal life

Reading Jennifer Dougall's Oct. 21 article entitled "Look inside yourself before turning to any god," I agree there could be nothing more discouraging than hearing what you heard from the Franklin Graham Crusade — that all mankind "is flawed and has no chance of redemption."

However, I was at the Crusade and seem to remember a very important element missing from your equation: Jesus Christ. It is a name all too frequently used to describe everything but the redemption He bought with His own blood, for all who would receive Him. The message of Franklin Graham and of any Christian is not that there is no chance of redemption, but that there is no chance of redemption without the redeemer.

He is the hope of all Christians. He is my assurance of eternal life, as He is

Letter to the editor

yours, if you follow and believe in Him.

Today many are searching for hope, joy and peace. They are lonely and have a void in their lives that nothing but Jesus can fill, though they desperately try to fill it with something. Drunkenness is ever so prevalent in our generation. Why? It is the world's substitute for Jesus. Drunkenness brings the joy, peace and happiness that all want, but it sure is temporary.

The joy and peace for the Christian is eternal. Does this mean if you become a Christian your troubles will end? By no means! But we all experience difficulties in life and when we do, the Scripture is being fulfilled. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer. I have defeated the world." (John 16:33)

In conclusion, for those who say there is no God, or question his existence, I ask, have you ever seen a sunset, or pondered how the planets just simply appeared, how the sun supports every living thing through photosynthesis? Are you not a byproduct of one of the greatest miracles called birth?

You might be thinking, He may be real, but not to me. I write this to encourage you and give you hope. Love Him and obey Him and He will make Himself wonderfully real to you, as He promises.

Jesus said "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in. . ." (Revelation 3:20) Will you open the door? He will not break in.

By Andrew Breeze,  
second-year marketing  
Doon campus

Dare to dream the impossible dream

Dare to dream. Believe in those dreams.

When I was young, I dreamed of being a journalist, but I put my own dreams on hold to raise a family and help my then-spouse run a business.

Fast approaching mid-life, I was financially sound, my career was set, I co-owned and operated a family business, the family took yearly vacations and I was raising two healthy, happy children into adulthood.

But with four little words, my whole life came crashing down. "I want a divorce" threw my life into turmoil for almost four years.

At that time, I had a choice to make. I could be forever bitter at the blow life had dealt me, or I could pick myself up, dust myself off, and start all over again.

I was given a chance most people don't get — to start my life again. I could have



Linda Reilly

a better career, a better relationship, and a better life than I had before.

I tried a variety of new things, and although I enjoyed life, I was still running in circles and not really accomplishing anything significant.

I had to take an honest look at who I was, what I liked to do and what I was good at. Visualizing where I wanted to be and what kind of person I wanted to become, I focused on getting there.

In deciding to fulfil a childhood dream of becoming a journalist, I never looked at the consequences of not making it, or of the financial strain.

Why? Because I finally realized if I were to accomplish anything in life I had to be assertive. I had to go for it. I would get nowhere in life being passive.

By being accepted into the journalism program, I was given an opportunity to do my best and to gain some success at what I truly enjoyed.

Becoming a full-time student was a big step. I never thought about how I was going to handle working full time and

manage 30-plus hours a week at school, on top of homework and running my own business, but I kept focused and didn't think about anything except what I was trying to accomplish.

It took its toll on my health and on my personal life.

My social life was almost non-existent, but I still managed to keep up with things important to me. I just had to be more selective about friends and activities.

I always tried to do my best, but like everyone, I had some fear of failure.

However, determination is a powerful motivator and sometimes my failures actually got me closer to where I wanted to be. If my best wasn't good enough, at least I had tried.

In a few short months I will reach out to grasp that eloquent testimony to my self-belief and perseverance. My diploma will announce to all the world: "Here stands, in this small space on the planet Earth, a person who dared to believe in herself, who dared to dream the impossible dream."

Reasons why I hate the fall

Fall has once again reared its ugly head and brought with it the gloomy darkness that envelopes all that was once bright and lovely. It is a time when the worst of everyone and everything comes out.

Even the word "fall" is depressing. Plants die and lose their color and the world becomes a bland monotony of shady greyness. People, too, are not impenetrable to the effect of fall and seem to lose their color and vitality as well.

How can someone be expected to be cheerful when they climb out of bed and it's still pitch black outside? The sun refuses to rise, and so do I.

You can see moods spread through people. All it takes is some clerk or attendant feeling the effects of the



Bryce Wilson

"autumn blahs", and being grumpy, first thing in the morning. He's going to make other people who have to deal with him grumpy as well.

Soon they're taking it out on other people and the process begins again.

Simple meaningless misunderstandings become acts of concentrated spite. The person sitting next to you with a hacking cough is enough to drive you batty. Arguments are apt to flare up and everyone's fuse is cut short.

It's even worse when you're the one with the cough. Flus drain your energy and leave you dull, lifeless and prone to arguments.

I am no exception and must admit I find myself more grumpy, cynical, disillusioned and, most of all, tired during the fall months.

There are many, like me, who are tuned into the weather and the seasons. For us, this is the worst time of year and we long for the return of bright and sunny

days. The return of life and energy to the land. The return of spring.

But until then I must be content to sit, wait and complain. And there is much to complain about, I may still be complaining long after the arrival of spring.

My old trusted companion TV does little to help me combat the cooped up feeling I get from staying in on long cold nights.

Flipping through the the channels doesn't reveal anything exciting. Broadcasters know Canadians are going to be cooped up in their houses watching TV no matter what kind of fodder they feed us.

The news programs are even more depressing. Every time I turn on the news, there's some union or group on strike.

But worst of all, autumn brings with it the most annoying of all people — those who have nothing better to do than complain.



## COMMENTARY

## Workfare restores dignity to welfare recipients

Some people see the proposed workfare program of the Mike Harris government as a loss of dignity for welfare recipients who will be forced to work for their welfare cheques.

I disagree. In fact, it could help restore dignity.

Beyond the benefits to society that workers on social assistance will bring, I believe the benefits to their self-esteem, job skills and work resume will be significant.

Workfare should be seen as an opportunity, or a stepping stone, towards a better way of life, rather than enslavement.



Trish Jackson

Workfare will provide training and, therefore, enhance a resume for young social assistance recipients who have limited prior work experience or skills. Working, particularly without pay, shows initiative, responsibility and good old-fashioned work ethic. What employer would not respect that in an employee? Employers are far more likely to hire a person who has been working than one who has not, no matter what type of job the person has been doing.

Finally, workfare can help restore self-esteem lost during years of unemployment. The end of the day can bring a sense of accomplishment and productivity, and the knowledge that a welfare cheque has been earned.

Yes, the work might be hard and it may not

be glamorous, but there is something to be said for the feeling of paying one's own way in this world.

There has long been a stigma attached to welfare recipients, and perhaps workfare is exactly what is needed to reduce this stigma and return respect to people who are in need.

During the Great Depression, it was far more degrading to accept charity than to put in a hard day's work to receive relief.

During that time a system was developed whereby able-bodied men would line up to do any kind of work, and would receive "chits", which entitled them to things such as food or a pair of shoes for their children.

That was the beginning of Canada's social assistance program, and it was considered a

privilege, not a right.

Today's society seems to be caught up in the individual's rights to receive social assistance: the right to get something for nothing.

Social assistance is meant to provide a means of surviving for those out of work, to prevent homelessness and extreme poverty. While it may not supply a preferred lifestyle, it was not meant to.

Workfare may not be the answer for every person in every situation, and the government has rightly made allowances for women with small children or people with disabilities, but for the average capable person, workfare can restore self-esteem and present new prospects and opportunities to the unemployed.

## Losing Maple Leafs bring smiles to other hockey fans

Nothing is better than watching the Toronto Maple Leafs struggle against fans, media and the game of hockey.

If you aren't one of the many Leaf fans in this world, you might notice a smile hit your face when the headlines reading: "Leafs lose again" appear in the sports section.

It sure happens to me, and if the Leafs' season continues on the pace it is going now, I'm going to be doing a lot of smiling.

There are reasons for hating the Leafs, the biggest being geography.

A resident of Ontario all my life, I have been surrounded by Leaf diehards since birth.

Since I can remember, Leafs fans have been telling me how their team "rules" the hockey world and that they're the best, along with the rest of the steady diet of crap they feed me. This was during the '80s when the Leafs really sucked.

This is why non-Leafs fans start to hate the Leafs so much — irrational fans.

Fan should know when to sing the praises and when to shut their mouths.

It's great to be faithful to a team when they are not doing so well. Support them to the end, that's the way it should be.



Jason Romanko

But don't tell me the Leafs are one ingredient away from the Stanley Cup.

The fact is, this year the Leafs are probably going to miss the playoffs unless they make a major trade. That seems unlikely since there is no one left to trade.

Their defence is the worst in the league and they barely have two lines worth mentioning.

What they do have is Felix Potvin, but not even Potvin's heroics can save the Leafs every night.

And why do we, the fans of other teams, have to watch every Leaf game on the planet?

I think Global is going to start to show Leaf practices soon.

Actually, CBC is thinking of switching their broadcasts to Montreal in January if the Leafs don't start playing better hockey.

Everything the Leafs do has to be mentioned and covered in the media, it's very painful to watch and read.

The only one positive thing I can say about Leaf fans is that they are loyal.

Maple Leaf Gardens is always packed, no matter what the team is doing on the ice.

I know I am going to hear about this column from every Leafs fan I run into, but I don't care, I had to get it off my chest. What can I do? I just love watching the Leafs get chewed by the media. I just have to smile.

## Raising a child can change people's lives in good ways

I never thought the words joy and wonderful would ever apply to me or my life. Then I gave birth to my son.

During my pregnancy, I knew I would be an influence on his life, but I didn't anticipate the influence he would have on my life.

My child has reintroduced me to the world.

He has shown me how to laugh and smile.

His interest and curiosity of the world around him has influenced the way I view my own environment.

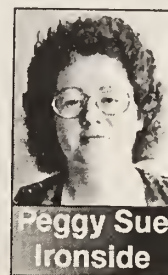
Things that were once ordinary and mundane have become exciting and adventurous.

The first snowfall now brings time together sledding down hills, building snowmen and drinking hot chocolate at a skating rink. I find myself living a distant childhood that has been reborn.

Although I knew my words and actions would teach him skills he could use during his life, I didn't know there was anything he could teach me.

In the past three years, my life has changed so much that people I knew four years ago would think I'm a different person. And I am.

One thing I have made a consistent effort to change are my parenting skills.



Peggy Sue Ironside

There was a time when I thought of children as just another part of life. I put it on the same level as buying a car, owning a house and growing old. Just something that happens.

This is no longer the case.

In Canada, drinking, driving and voting are only a few of the many things that society controls.

People are even required to have a licence to go fishing.

Yet, we have no restrictions on childrearing. Anyone can be a parent, but this doesn't mean we know how to raise children to be secure, well-developed people.

The word "parenting" is a relatively new concept. It has only come into existence in the last decade or so, as our society has gained a more in-depth awareness of cause and effect.

I consider myself fortunate to be a parent during this time of social awareness. It has allowed me to gain an understanding of how my parenting skills can affect my child.

Unlike past generations, I am able to attend programs that teach me how to be a parent.

I am now enrolled in my second parenting class, and appreciate the fact such programs are available to the public.

The knowledge I am gaining is invaluable, not only for my child but for myself, as well. I find the techniques I use with him can also be used with others on a day-to-day basis.

## Canadian feelings vary about United States presidential race

By Jason Seeds

Pierre Trudeau once said that being neighbors with the United States is like sleeping with an elephant — you feel every grunt and twitch.

This is especially true during a race for the presidency in the U.S.

Canadians are outsiders, unsure whether they should care or not. One thing Canadians know for sure is that the U.S. has a profound effect on this country.

The proliferation of television has pushed American politics in the faces of Canadians to a greater extent than ever before. It's hard not to see Clinton's, Dole's or Perot's face on CNN when channel surfing.

"I'm not interested in American politics at all," said Sarah Collard, a second-year early childhood education student. "I know who is running, though."

Roberto Hernandez, a second-year electrical engineering technology student, is one of those who cares. "I like to know if there

is going to be a significant change in international politics," he said.

A recent example of American international politics affecting Canada is the Helms/Burton document dealing with Cuba. It states that any country that trades with Cuba will be blockaded by the U.S. Since Canada trades with Cuba and the States, this law may have a profound effect on us.

Sisters Jules and Colleen Josling had opposing views on the importance of Amer-

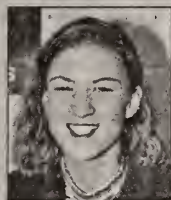
ican politics. "I'm not interested," said Colleen. "I guess I should be, though." Jules said Canada relies on the U.S. for its security and much of its economy, so Canadians should pay attention to their political climate.

Jack Fletcher, the college's chair of student services, said he is paying attention to the election because of the influence Americans have on Canadians. "They have a major influence on what we do, especially economi-

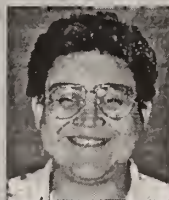
cally. I think we must pay attention."

Second-semester numerical control technician student, Cezary Marczuk, said he knows what is going on in terms of the election, but he is not trying to pay attention. "I can't help but see it on television. It looks to me like Clinton will win."

Marczuk, who emigrated to Canada from Poland 3 1/2 years ago, said coverage of American politics is scarce in Poland. People usually only know who is president.



Sarah Collard



Roberto Hernandez



Jules Josling



Colleen Josling



Jack Fletcher



Cezary Marczuk



## STUDENT LIFE

### Residents give pop tabs, cigarette strips to charity

By Sara Maxim

Residents at Rodeway Suites are being encouraged to save their pop and beer can tabs and the yellow strips from their cigarette wrappers, said the general manager of Rodeway Suites.

The yellow strip and tab collection are used to purchase Christmas gifts for underprivileged children and wheelchairs for the disabled, said Paul Holowaty.

"This seemed like something we'd like to get involved with. It's a chance to give a little bit back to the community." Collecting these two items would be easy to do at the residence since students drink and smoke, he said.

There are 117 rooms at Rodeway Suites and approximately 200 students. The wrapper and tab collection has been incorporated into the residence's Zone Contest.

For this contest, the building was divided into approximately 10 to 12 zones consisting of nine or 10 rooms each. Students in each zone compete to win a Christmas party in December and \$2,500 at the end of the school year.

Students win points for their zone by keeping their room and zone clean, obeying rules and participating in extracurricular activities.

Students can also win up to 160 points for their zone by collecting the most yellow strips and pop can tabs.

For the week of Oct. 21, Zone 11, rooms 409 and 411 through 420, won the 110 points and the 50 bonus points for collecting the most strips. Students in that zone collected 2,742 yellow strips.

## Business association's fund-raising collections have exceeded expectations

By Sean S. Finlay

This year, the Conestoga Business Students Association should be singing We're in the Money.

The fund-raising events put on by the business students association have, in the first half of the semester, exceeded all expectations and goals.

The association is in the middle of their chocolate-covered almonds fund-raising event, which began mid-October — the first "biz bash" has been completed and another one is on the horizon.

According to business association representatives, the amount of almonds sold so far is higher than what was anticipated for the first half of the drive.

Janine Mahoney, treasurer of the business students association, said the association's goal this year is to use the money from almond sales to buy Internet access for the business computer labs.

She said the estimated cost for access is \$11,000, and she anticipates \$15,000 will be raised through almond sales, which will end by the middle of November.

The chocolate-covered almonds are for sale through the business association's representatives for \$2 a box. There is a \$1 profit on each box sold.

The class that sells the most almonds receives an all-you-can-eat-and-drink pizza and beer party.

The first biz bash this year, held at Stages nightclub in September, raised \$2,000 more than expected, said Mahoney.

Biz bashes are fund-raising parties held at area nightclubs. Ticket sale profits, from the events, are saved for future goals of the business association.

The bash attracted a full house of 800 people, Stages capacity. The event raised about \$5,500.

Traditionally, there are four bashes each school year. The next one is scheduled for Dec. 5, again at Stages nightclub in Kitchener.

Tickets will be on sale in late November. Prices are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

Last year, the business students association raised nearly \$50,000. Most of the money went to computer equipment and upgrades for the business labs.

### Phone cards raffled off at Rodeway

By Sara Maxim

Long distance telephone charges will be easier for one student each month now that the residence council has begun a Bell phone-card raffle.

The raffle, which began the second week of October, features a draw at the end of each month for a long distance phone card from Bell.

Residents can purchase a ticket from representatives on each floor for 50 cents or three for \$1, said Alison Campbell, president of the residence council.

Money collected from the tickets each month will be used to buy a long distance phone card from Bell in the amount raised by ticket sales, she said.

The phone card can then be used by the winning student to cover any long distance phone calls they make. The draw for October's phone card was scheduled to be made at the residence Halloween party on Oct. 31.

Door prizes for the best costume will also be awarded at the party.

### Laid back



Aaron Anett, a first-year law and security administration student, enjoys a warm autumn day while waiting for a friend.  
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# Student brings Japanese culture to Conestoga

By Scott Nixon

A new club at Conestoga offers students a chance to learn about Japanese culture, according to the club's president.

Mauro Shular, a second-year electronic engineering student, said he started the club, CTRL-A, in September because he thought there would be a lot of interest in it. The club, while focusing mainly on Japanese animation, called Anime, also concerns itself with other aspects of Japanese culture.

Shular said the purpose of his club "is to bring Japanese culture to the Western world." To do this, CTRL-A has exhibitions in which Japanese animation is shown.

Shular describes Anime as an art comparable to North America's motion pictures. He said the Japanese don't have the budget to make live-action films with a lot of explosions and special effects, so they make animated movies instead. Sailor Moon is one example of Japanese animation, Shular said.

There are many things about Japanese culture that attract Shular.

"I like the language, I like the style. I studied martial arts, so I'm interested in that, as well."

Shular said Anime has become more popular in the last four years in North America. He points to the Waterloo CTRL-A club, which

started in 1991, as an example. It now has 300 members. The Conestoga CTRL-A club now has about 13 members.

In addition to his interest in Japanese animation, Shular said he is interested in Manga, Japanese comic books. In Manga comics,

the characters look exactly like those in the Japanese animation. Japanese comics differ from North American comics in their emphasis on facial expressions to show emotions.

At a CTRL-A exhibition Oct. 22 at the college, Shular said only

seven people attended. He blamed this on the fact that the exhibition was organized quickly and not advertised well. Shular plans to advertise more to promote his club.

Memberships for CTRL-A are \$5 per term. More information is available at the DSA office.

## Cookbook for students at special needs office

By Colleen Cassidy

Three years ago, the staff in the special needs office at Conestoga took turns taking weekly potluck lunches into work. After a time, they came up with the idea of compiling a cookbook.

Linda Wiza, support staff in the special needs office, said there were two reasons for putting a cookbook together. The first one was to make money so new equipment could be purchased for students with special needs. The other reason was because they thought it would be fun.

Wiza said the staff wanted the cookbook, which costs \$5, to be affordable for students. The recipes couldn't be too complicated, too expensive or too time consuming, and the ingredients for the recipes had to be already in the house or easy and inexpensive to get. But there are a couple of recipes that are more complicated and costly. These recipes could be used for entertaining on special occasions, said Wiza.

Wiza, who did most of the work

compiling the recipes, said it was difficult deciding which ones to use. Bags of recipes were brought in, mostly by special needs students and the staff.

She said the cookbook includes various kinds of meat and fish dishes, soups, stews, salads, casseroles and desserts. Some of them are old family recipes. There is even a recipe for dog biscuits made from natural ingredients found in the home.

When the cookbook entitled, "Tried, Tested and True Special Recipes for You" first came out in 1994, during Special Needs Awareness Week, sales were fairly good.

A lot of time was spent on promotion and flyers were posted throughout the campus. Special needs managed to purchase a new database program and pay the person who wrote the program with the proceeds, Wiza said.

She said there are almost no sales now.

They would like to sell more cookbooks, but there is no time for promotion.

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STUDENT LIFE

Materials management student a long way from home

By Jennifer Dougall

For Bongani Dube, Conestoga's materials management program is the best of its kind in the world.

Dube is an international student from Botswana, Africa, who is taking the three-year course offered at Doon campus. His training is being sponsored by DeBeers Botswana Diamond Mining Company, where Dube worked as an artisan.

"I'm a traveller," Dube said. The 27-year-old native Motswana has travelled within Africa to such places as South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia, but had never left Africa before coming to Canada.

Dube jumped at the opportunity to come to Conestoga when DeBeers offered. He said he has always wanted to visit Canada, the United States or Europe.

One of Dube's first impressions of Canada was its climate. It is colder than Dube was used to.

The Republic of Botswana is a semi-arid country, with hot summers and warm winters. It borders the Kalahari Desert in the south west.

Botswana is a landlocked country in the south of Africa. It shares its borders with Zambia to the north, Zimbabwe to the east, South Africa to the south and Angola and Namibia to the west.

The country has a total area of 600,370 square kilometres — making it slightly smaller than Texas — with 75 per cent of the land for pastures and two per cent

for crops. There are no permanent crops.

In July 1993, the estimated population of Botswana was 1.3 million. Of that number, 14,600 were estimated to work for various mines in the country.

Historically, the country's economy has been based on cattle raising and agriculture, which still amounts to 80 per cent of the population's livelihood. Much of the land is becoming unusable, as desertification and over-grazing take their toll.

Dube said there are a lot of misconceptions about the continent being war-torn and poor, but in fact the countries in the south are trouble-free.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Botswana experienced an economic growth based on its mining industries. Diamond mines played an integral role in that growth, helping generate 50 per cent of the country's total gross domestic



ONE OF A KIND — Bongani Dube will be the the only man in Botswana who has trained in the materials management program at Conestoga.

(Photo by Jennifer Dougall)

product in 1991. That number is up from 25 per cent in 1980.

Dube started with the DeBeers Botswana Diamond Mining Company in 1988 as an apprentice fitter (someone who repairs and maintains ore haulage, main treatment, and final recovery plant equipment). He completed his apprenticeship in 1992, when he became an artisan.

Dube took English in high school

the company can only pay for one flight, he said.

And Botswana is going to remain home for Dube. He likes Canada and is happy for the experience, but Dube said his future is in Botswana.

Dube said if he were to stay in Canada, he would be one of many with the same diploma. He is the only man in Botswana who has trained at Conestoga for his job.

for five years. He said he doesn't yet have a good grasp on some of the differences between Canadian English and the British English he was taught in school, but thinks his English will improve by the time he leaves. English is the official language of Botswana.

Dube is planning a visit home this coming summer. He will only be returning home once during the three years he will be living in Canada because it is very expensive to fly to Botswana and

He is guaranteed stable employment when he returns.

He also wants to help contribute to the development of the country. "I believe home is where I belong," Dube said.

Dube also finds Canadian culture to be very different from Botswana.

The Botswana try to include everyone so people never feel left out, regardless of whether they are new to the place. But with Canadians, it is every man for himself, Dube said. If someone is new they are left to figure things out on their own, which is why Dube has found the international education office to be a big help to him.

When Dube came to Canada on Aug. 27, he was picked up at the airport by Larry Rechsteiner, director of the Doon campus's international education office.

Karen Vanderkruk, also of the international education office, helped Dube pair up with a peer host and a peer tutor.

The international education office and Dube's peer host have helped him feel more at home.

His peer host has helped him get to know the school and the community better and he no longer has trouble finding his way around.

Rechsteiner and Vanderkruk have helped Dube track down another Motswana studying at the University of Guelph.

While Dube is in Canada, he is staying at the Rodeway Suites. He has a mother, three sisters and a brother living in Botswana.



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## STUDENT LIFE

# New managers continue training at Rodeway Suites

By Sara Maxim

Melissa Burwell and Brian Gill have been in training for over a month and have caught on well, said Paul Holowaty, general manager of Rodeway Suites.

Burwell and Gill were chosen from about 30 or 40 applicants for the position of assistant manager in September.

Currently, the two are undergoing a training period that will last a minimum of eight weeks.

Gill began work Oct. 2 as an on-site assistant manager. He lives in residence.

Burwell began Sept. 18, after her interview, as an off-site assistant manager.

Right now, Rodeway has three assistant managers and a general manager.

The third assistant manager, Jason Buick, is essentially a general manager, Holowaty said.

Holowaty expects at least one assistant manager to be moved to another of the company's properties after they have been trained.

Having four managers at Rodeway may seem like a lot of employees, but it works out well, Holowaty said.

"There are four different personalities here," he said. "Some people are comfortable with one of us and not comfortable with the other. It gives the residents more options and people to talk to."

Both Gill and Burwell have hotel and residence experience.

Burwell worked in the house-keeping department at Rodeway this past summer. She also lived in residence there last year.

Prior to accepting the job, Gill worked at the Comfort Inn in Simcoe as a night auditor. He graduated from the hotel and food administration program at the University of Guelph last April. While in school, he lived in the university's residence.

While undergoing training, Gill has also been put in charge of furniture, fixtures and appliances within the residence.

He will be required to make sure each room has all the furnishings and appliances it is supposed to

have, said Holowaty.

Burwell has been put in charge of the student files. She is required to make sure all payments and charges for each student have been taken care of.

She has also been taking care of roommate conflicts.

Problems between roommates tend to increase around exam time because tensions run high, Holowaty said.

Gill and Burwell work alternating shifts of 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday to Thursday. Each works one of these shifts for two weeks.

## Sunny days



Gillian Convoy, left, and Rachel Stanley, both first-year general arts and science students, enjoy some October sunshine between classes.

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CHECK — Robert Hamilton, right, set a world record for playing the most consecutive chess games at one time.

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Chess player sets record

By Sean S. Finlay

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In fact, 656 checkmates, 22 losses and 25 draws later, Guelph chess champion Robert Hamilton managed to pawn his way into the Guinness Book of World Records Oct. 26.

Hamilton, 34, who has been playing chess since he was a boy, started playing at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 at Stone Road Mall. Late in the afternoon the next day, he announced victory and said he wouldn't play any more contestants, but would finish the ongoing games.

By 4:30 p.m., the old record of 663 consecutive games played in a single match was beaten by 40 in 30.5 hours.

The old record was held by Vlastimil Hort of Germany, where it took him 32.5 hours to play.

Hamilton played anyone willing, no matter what age, and played up to 21 games at a time.

The chess boards were set up on tables around in a square. Hamilton had to circle around playing each board non-stop all day and all night, with the exception of the odd bathroom and snack break.

The stores in the mall were closed at night but the mall remained open for anyone who wanted to challenge Hamilton.

Hamilton said, while finishing one of his games, he was looking forward to going home and sleeping.

Seagram explores workers' lives

By Doug Coxson

Integrity, Craftsmanship, Tradition: The Seagram Plant in Waterloo, the current exhibit at the Seagram Museum, explores the lives of the workers who operated the distillery from its inception in 1857 until its closing in 1992.

"This exhibit is about the history of the workers and their lives," said the museum's curator Anne Chafe.

"This is the type of thing that isn't documented in company records."

The museum began researching the exhibit about two years ago, going into partnership with public history students from the University of Waterloo, Chafe said.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ken McLaughlin, seven students interviewed 18 couples about their working lives at the Waterloo plant.

"These oral histories basically formed the information and stories that we used in the exhibit to guide us in collecting photographs and artifacts," said Chafe.

The exhibit is an interactive journey through the evolution of the distillery, focusing mainly on life at the plant during the 1940s onward.

Visitors entering the exhibit must punch in time cards as if they were entering work and they can then view the photographs, artifacts and interactive displays which outline what it was like to work there.

"We want people to come through and really get the feel that people dedicated their working lives to this plant. One woman worked here for 49 years."

The exhibit is divided into sections which outline the various steps involved in making whiskey, such as production, maturation, bottling and packaging.

Chafe said there was a real dichotomy between the women and men who worked at the plant. Women worked on bottling while the men worked mostly in production and in the warehouses.

The union and management at the plant are also explored.

"There was a very strong union at the plant, but the relations between management and union were very amicable. The union came on in 1941 and they never

went on strike."

Chafe said she hopes many of the unknown people in the photographs will be identified when former employees come in to relive their past.

"This is an important exhibit for the museum because it's the first one that deals with our new mandate," she said.

"We are a community museum focusing on the traditions and history of the Seagram plant in Waterloo and this is really just the beginning for us."

Chafe said the exhibit marks the start of what will become a long-term project for the museum in continuing research into the history of the plant.

Integrity, Craftsmanship, Tradition, which runs until November 2, 1997, comes on the heels of the Absolut Art exhibition which was on display at the museum this past summer and was extremely successful, said Chafe.

Admission to the museum, on Erb Street, is free and it is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

CD review

## New Nirvana rocks the past

By Shawn Leonard

Nirvana's long-awaited *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah* has arrived in stores and fans will not be disappointed.

The CD has 17 live numbers from their four CDs and it gives the songs a harder sound than the original versions have.

The recording includes live versions of their popular songs like Smells Like Teen Spirit, Lithium and Heart-Shaped Box, along with some obscure pieces like Blew and Been a Son.

The lesser-known songs will be a treat to listeners who haven't heard them before.

The CD acts like a goodbye to the band, which disbanded three years ago after lead singer Kurt Cobain committed suicide.

The recording includes two bad songs:

The first is Intro, at the beginning of the album, which features what sounds like the band doing a sound check with Cobain screaming and growling. It will either make you turn off the CD or laugh.

The second bad song, Milk It, features bass player Krist Novoselic making annoying, rhythmless guitar twangs, accompanied by Cobain's indecipherable singing.

The recording also includes the first Nirvana song ever done, Spank Thru.

It shows much of what was later done by the group. The CD's best song is Aneurysm, featuring a catchy beat and impressive lyrics. It is the band at its peak and makes you realize they still had a lot of promise.

The CD includes a history of the band, written by Novoselic, telling how the band first got together, where the songs originated and where they were performed.

The recording is worth listening to by fans and skeptics.

It gives fans a chance to hear a harder Nirvana. It gives others a chance to hear songs that they probably missed out on the first time around.

Concert review

## Gwar mixes metal music with gory stage antics

By Bryce Wilson



Gwar brought their unique style of heavy metal, death and destruction to Harpo's nightclub in Detroit Oct. 26 playing their annual Halloween show to over 1,000 people.

The show began with a mock set of the Jerry Springer show. A woman came out claiming to have been raped by the members of Gwar.

This is the "comic world" of Gwar. Totally crass and politically incorrect. There is no person or topic beyond their disgusting and utterly hilarious stage antics.

Using costumes and props, they perform a mixture of music (remember they are a band) and action that enrages some but entertains their legions of fans worldwide.

It is almost impossible to describe Gwar to anyone who hasn't heard of them or seen their most famous video, Sick of You, in which they cut down members of the crowd and throw them into

a pit at the front of their stage.

Gwar, fronted by vocalist Oderus Urungus, claim to be from outer space and say they were sent to the mudball called Earth for crimes committed billions of years ago. They view humans as filth and want to destroy earth and all of its inhabitants.

Balsac (a.k.a. Jaws of Death), plays guitar and has a large bear trap for a face. According to his biography, he weighs 12 tons fully dressed and 30 kilograms in a towel.

Other members include Flattus Maximus, guitar; Jizmak da Gusha, drums; and Sleazy P. Martini, manager. Martini sports an oversized Elvis haircut that adds about 30 centimetres to his height.

There are also Slymenstra Hymen, the only woman in the band, the Sexecutioner and several slaves that hop about the stage and connect the hoses that carry the fake blood to the various characters.

During the show at Harpo's, the band set up a wrestling ring and fought several of their enemies for the wrestling championship belts and the grand prize, a sock full of nickels.

The show ended with Gwar playing the song Maggots Are Falling Like Rain while feeding members of the crowd into a giant

worm that came out of from underneath the drumset. After being fed, they proceeded to cut off the worm's head.

The annual Halloween show at Harpo's is definitely the best place to see Gwar. The atmosphere of the bar and fans matched the show, which is evident in the costume competition before Gwar even stepped on stage.

Oderus ended the show with a promise to return to Harpo's next year. I already have the day signed off.

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★★★★	Excellent
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★	Turkey

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(Photo provided by recreation centre)

### Softball Condors Ontario champs

By Eric Whitfield

Conestoga's women's softball team survived a bases-loaded threat in the last inning and went on to win their second straight Ontario championship Oct. 26.

With the bases loaded and one of the Seneca Scouts' best hitters at the plate, a line drive from Scouts' Rhondi Pawleing into the glove of shortstop Jane Seifried ended the game 3 - 2.

Assistant coach Yvonne Broome said, "It was such a great feeling for all the players."

Seifried's defensive play was outstanding, she said. Seifried, who had one run, a triple, a walk and an RBI, was named MVP of the game.

The Condors played their first of two games of the tournament against the Durham Lady Lords on Oct. 25, defeating the Lords 4 - 2, to advance to the gold medal game against the Scouts.

There was a sense of relief after the victory over the Lords, said Broome, even though the Condors had beaten them twice this season. Durham had an out-

standing team with strong hitting and four or five pitchers, she said.

Conestoga used two pitchers during the season, including Fawn Day, who was recognised as the league's top pitcher the past two seasons.

Day had a season ERA of 1.71, was 5 - 2 on the year and pitched both games during the provincials.

But Day lost out on the top pitcher award to Scouts' Debbie Wadsworth, who hurled in the championship game and was 8 - 1 with a 4.20 ERA during the season.

### Soccer

### Condors stomp Royals in team's march toward Ontario championship

By Rick Kew

The women's varsity soccer squad defeated the visiting Redeemer Royals 6-1 Oct. 26, and qualified for the Ontario championship tournament scheduled for Nov. 1 - 2 in Belleville.

In the game against the Ancaster team, first-year microcomputer student Amy Olson opened the scoring for the Condors with a shot headed in by second-year marketing student, Stephanie De Haan to make the score 2-0.

A Redeemer defender kicked Conestoga's third goal, awarded to Olson, into the Royals net.

Making the score 4-0, Claudette Amaral, a law and security student, controlled a pass from the mid-field area and broke in alone, firing the ball past the Redeemer keeper.

During the first half, the Condors' strong positional play and ball control allowed them to create many scoring chances and the score could have been much higher, said coach Geoff Johnstone.

With the second half under way

and the Condors in a comfortable lead, Johnstone shuffled players around to give playing time to all members of the squad.

However, a defensive lapse in the Condors' end resulted in another freak goal, this time against Conestoga, making the score 4-1.

The Royals had good reason to celebrate that goal, as it was the first goal scored against the Condors since the season started.

For about the first 20 minutes of the second-half, the Royals kept pace with the Condors, but were unable to create another serious scoring play.

The Condors smothered any hopes the Royals might have had for a comeback when second-year law and security student Jodi Brezinskie blasted the ball into the net from 15 metres out, making the score 5-1.

With the final goal, Vicki Kane, a third-year recreation leadership student, raced up the left side with the ball and out ran the last Royal defender for a clear breakaway. Kane made no mistake as she drilled the ball past the Royals keeper, making the score 6-1.

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